It was approved in 1989

with the provision for supply-

ing gas to the western part of

the country by setting up pipes

on Jamuna Bridge. The trans-

mission pipes have crossed a

number of rivers, while ano-

ther one will go across the

river Meghna by directional

ing gas to Jamuna Fertilizer

The project is now supply-

Titas Gas goes to

Mymensingh in Sept

MYMENSINGH, June 21: industrial, 874 commercial

The proposed 100 me- Factory which will go into op-

gawatt power station will get cration from July and will con-

energy from the project and in sume 40 million cubic feet of

Satkhira Maternity

centre needs care

From Our Correspondent

From Our BAU Correspondent

Mymensingh town will get and 84,833 domestic lines will

Titas Gas supply from Sept- be installed.

ember this year with the

completion of Brahmaputra

Basin Project now being exe-

cuted at a cost of Taka 322

Gas and Transmission source.

Development Bank (ADB) will

also facilitate consumers in

Jamalpur, Kishoreganj, Netr-

akona, Sherpur, Trishal, Bha-

luka and Gaffargaon upazila of

SATKHIRA, June

in town has lost its essence to

Administrative lapses and

shortage of medical appliances

have disarrayed test centres.

According to the complaints,

expectant mothers from re-

mote areas of the district go

back disappointed due to

shortage of beds and essential

medicines. Patients are often

Prices of building

materials up

BARGUNA, June 21

Construction of new houses

and repair of old ones here are

being hampered in five upazi-

las of the district due to acute

shortage of building materials,

of brick, cement and timber

have registered a rise by about

10 to 15 per cent adversely

A bag of cement is being

sold between Taka 250 and

260 in the local markets. The

dealers have attributed the

price hikes to short supply of

Housewife beaten

to death for

dowry

JHENIDAH, June 21: A

the construction materials.

Market sources said, prices

reports UNB.

affecting the buyers.

services

render

perspective 20 years 238 gas daily.

Mymensingh district.

crores, according to the Titas

The project funded by Asian

roundup Upazila

MYMENSINGH

Training course on agricultural journalism ends

From Our BAU Correspondent

June 21: The two-week long training course on agricultural journalism concluded yesterday (Thursday) at Graduate Training Institute, Mymensingh. The concluding session was presided over by Mustafizur Rahman, Director of the Institute while Prof Asadur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agriculture University was the chief guest.

Secretary of the Mymensingh Union of journal-Karim Atual Khokon, Secretary and Joint Secretary of Mymensingh Press Club Nawab Ali and A H M Motaleb respectively also spoke in the function.

A total of 24 local journalists participated in the training course organised by the Graduate Training Institute.

MUNSHIGANJ

Long-term plan to combat river erosion

June 21 : Agriculture. Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul-Haq yesterday said short and long-term programmes will be taken up from the onset of next dry-season to combat river erosion all over the country, reports BSS.

The Minister was addressing a gathering after visiting river bank erosion of the Padma at Dighirpar of Tongibari upazila here.

He said the government was aware of effects of river on the economy.

Preliminary survey had already been completed to prevent the erosion and preventive programmes would be taken to tackle the situation through voluntary labour throughout the country, he

State Minister for Post and Telecommunications M. Shamsul Islam who was with the Minister said the present government would initiate pragmatic programmes to protect the oldest Dighirpar business centre from erosion on the river Padma. Chairman of Water Development Board Dr. ATM Shamsul Huda also spoke on the occasion.

BOGRA

200 dwellings washed away

June 21 : About 200 dwelling houses at Sariakandi upazila were washed away by the continuous erosion of the river Jamuna over the last four days, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, about 5000 people of the affected areas have taken shelter on flood control embankment. Two school building are also threatened by the ero-

Besides, low-lying areas of Adbaria, Kamalpur, Teka, Magura and Chadobasta villages of Sariakandi and Dhunat upazilas went under water due to heavy downpour and flood waters entered through the damaged embankment.

Standing crops on vast acres of land have also been damaged by the flash flood.

COMILLA

Smuggled medicines recovered

June 21 : Police recovered six hundred battles of Indian Phynsidyle Syrup worth about Taka 10,000 from the Badsha Mia bazar in the town, reports

On information of police arrival the drug traffickers left the area leaving the medicines on roadsides Tuesday. Police seized the medicines and could not arrest any one in this connection.

Meanwhile, drug addiction is on rise in the town vitiating the peaceful atmosphere.

A large quantity of Indian drugs are being smuggled into the country everyday through the border areas here, it is alleged

Valuables looted

 Valuables worth about Taka three lakh were looted by dacotts at Bhaukshar bazar of

Barura upaztla, police said.

According to witnesses, a gang of dacoits numbering about 30 armed with lethal weapons raided the bazar and looted a number of shops at

about 9 pm Tuesday. A case has been lodged in this connection and police officials visited the spot.

NARAIL

Chicken pox breaks out

June 21: Chicken pox has broken out in an alarming proportion in the town here creating panic among the people, reports UNB.

Patients have been pouring into the hospitals and clinics in large numbers seeking treatment everyday. The disease is engulfing new areas.

·Curative medicines are also scarce in the hospitals. Besides, these medicines are also not available in the market. Doctors attributed taking of adulterated food and impure water to the cause of the outbreak of the disease.

Local elite have urged the authorities to take immediate steps to combat the spread of the disease.

Kutcha latrines

Lack of sewerage system or sanitary latrines causing health hazards to the people of the pourashava area.

The house-owners in the densely populated areas have constructed kutcha latrines beside their dwellings creating a problem in maintenance of health and sanitation in the

There are innumerable kutcha latrines constructed by the side of the public roads which have no service facilities provided by the pourashava.

Dwellers have urged the poura authorities to build pucca latrines in the town and put restriction on constructing kutcha ones without further

GAZIPUR

New HYV cotton, maize developed

From A Correspondent

June 21: Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) has developed and approved two High-Yielding Variety (HYV) of cotton and maize named Cotton "Ava" and Accordingly Saju paid the Maize "Mohar" recently.

A meeting of the National Seed Board was held recently. It was presided over by K M Rabbani, Secretary, Ministry of cnce of witnesses but they Agriculture.

According to BARI, the characteristics of the new variety is high-yielding and per | funded Taka 40,000 and later hectare yield of short size variety is 2.50 tonnes. These new varieties involve less pro- Shahjahan filed a case against duction cost.

41,000 bales of cotton are 406/420 BPC case No 402.91 produced every year in the country and 3.50 lakhs bales amount of foreign exchange can be saved if the new variety | submit a report in the court. is cultivated throughout the country. Mohar is also high yielding variety when cultivated in the suitable climate of the country. The plant of this variety remains green even after harvesting and can be used as fodder. Insects also harm less to this variety.

SHERPUR

Flood grips two UZs

June 21: Fresh flood gripped again Jhenaigati and Sreebordi upazilas with the rise of water level in the river Shumeswari, Muharoshi and Kornajura due to heavy downpour and onrush of hilly waters, reports UNB.

About 50 to 60 per cent land of Kangsha Dhanshail, Hatibanda, Haslipatia, Gauripur and Sadar unions of Jhenaigati Kakilakura, Valua, Kurikhania, Singaborona and part of Bhiadanga unions of Sreebordi upazila have been submerged by flood water.

A portion of Sherpur-Jhenaigati road from Kalibari to Bogadobt went under water disrupting vehicular move-

Meanwhile, prices o essentials have shot up due to heavy downpour. A section of unscrupulous businessmen have allegedly been creating artificial scarcity of essentials to earn maximum profit.

KHULNA

Cyclone shelters in Sundarbans demanded

June 21: Thousands of fishermen and wood cutters have been living in Sundarbans without the security of life in time of cyclone and tidal surge, reports UNB.

During the recent devastating cyclone tidal surge about 1000 fishermen were reported to have died or missing.

least 12 shelters in Sundarban and Char areas has been pending for last three years due to the discrepancy in the cost estimate.



Only two days are left for Eid-ul-Azha. Cattle markets are yet to be crowded with adequate sacrificial animals. The price is higher than that of the last year due to stringent measures taken by the government to stop smuggling along the border. Photo shows sacrificial animals brought from different areas for sale at Tepakhola market in Faridpur.

The rich urged to

help orphans

RAJSHAHI, June 21: State dren Village, Mrs Nurunnahar.

deavour.

Children Village.

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sioner M A Habibullah, Deputy prizes among the children and

Commissioner Md Saifuzzaman mothers of the of the SOS

Minister for LGRD and Cooper- Paying tributes to the great

Engineer sued by overseas job seeker

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, June 21: A case has been filed against two persons including the Executive Engineer, Loca Government Engineering Bureau (LGEB), Kishoregani with the Sadar upazila Magistrate Court for their alleged involvement in embezzling money by cheating one Shahjahan Saju of Tarapasha in Kishoreganj town on May 29

According to the prosecu tion, Executive Engineer M Kymuddin who is also engaged in manpower export business demanded Taka 92,000 from Shahjahan Saju for giving him a free visa to Saudi Arabia. amount in full to M Kymuddin and another accused Lokman Hossain in three instalments in December last in the prescould not manage him the visa. Shahjahan then demanded the money back. The accused re-

refused to pay the rest amount. Finding no other alternative them with the Sadar upazila It is gathered that about | Magistrate Court under section

The upazila magistrate ordered the officer incharge, are imported per year. A huge Kishoreganj police station to enquire into the matter and

5 arrested for

embezzlement

Kotwali police arrested five employees of Mymensingh head post office on charge of misappropriation of Prize Bond Taka 47,000 on Monday.

Police sources said the ar rested employees were Md Faizuddin, Md Rafiq Khan, Md Azharul Islam, Md Muklesur Rahman and Abdul Khaleq.

A case has been filed with police in this connection.

Teacher-guardian cooperation to check copying sought

From Our Correspondent

need for cooperation of the MAULVI BAZAR, June 21: A meeting of Principals of differteachers and guardians to ent Colleges under greater Sylhet district was held at Sylhet Government Women's College auditorium on June 14. The meeting was presided

over by the Chairman of Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Comilla, Professor Abdul Aziz and it was addressed among others by Dr M Fazlul Huq. Controller of Examinations, Comilla Education Board, Khoda Rakha, Inspector of Colleges, Principal Hasan Wahed of Government M C College of Sylhet, Principal Nazrul Islam Chowdhury of Modan Mohan College of Sylhet, Principal Ali Mortuza of Government Brindavan College of Habigonj. The meeting stressed the

atives Kabir Hossain today

called upon the elite of the so-

ciety to come forward with

helps for the distressed or-

phans for making them worthy

citizens of the country, reports

He was speaking as the

chief guest at a function ob-

serving International SOS

Children Village Day '91 at Ra-

ishahi SOS Children Village

The function was

and Director, the SOS Chil-

here this morning.

cheek adoption of unfair means in the examinations. The meeting sought the cooperation of all concerned including students, teachers and guardians to put forward a number of suggestions for the

The meeting also stressed the need for maintaining a congenial academic atmosphere in all educational institutions to ensure proper pursuit of learning by the students. It also called upon the Principals of colleges to strictly follow all relevant rules and procedures while issuing certificates and admitting stu-

All the Principals of col-

work of Prof Hermann

Gmeiner, the founder of SOS

Children Villages in various

countries of the world, the

State Minister said." We should

follow the philosophy pursued

by the great man for the ser-

vices of distressed humanity."

In this context he underscored

the need for collective efforts

vice-oriented institutions in

The State Minister also

of the elite for building ser

addition to government's en-

leges under Sylhet, Mouly Bazar, Hobigonj and Sunamgonj districts were present in the meeting. The birth anniversary of

Poet Rabindra Nath Tagore and National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was observed at a function held at Hafiza Khatun Municipal Girls High School auditorium on June 13. The function, which was organised by Shuva Deep Khelaghar Asar, was inaugurated by BSS Maulvi Bazar district correspondent Rad hika Mohan Goswami. Ms Maya Wahed, President of Shuva Deep Khelaghar Asar, presided over the function.

A cultural competition on Rabindra-Nazrul by child members of Khelaghar was the main attraction of the function.

Traffic jams hamper business activities

KHULNA, June normal business activities in the town faces a jolt when chaotic traffic creates frequent jams at different points, reports UNB.

Busy commercial areas like Bungalow Square, Picture Place and Park areas, Clay Road and Station Road are seen crammed with cars, trucks and slow-moving vehi cles like rickshaws and push carts during peak hours.

Traffic police posted at different road intersections remain helpless till the jams are cleared automatically after some hours.

Pedestrians complain that rickshaws, mostly unlicensed, pour into the town from suburbs and create jam by parking indiscriminately.

Satkhira Maternity and Child hospital for want of beds. Besides, inadequate number Welfare Centre is beset with manifold problems since long. of staff multiplies the suffer-As a result expectant ings of the admitted patients. mothers and children are be-

21: seen lying on the floor of the

Relatives of the patients aling deprived of proper medileged that medical attendants are rarely seen in the whole Satkhira Maternity and day. It is further alleged that Child Welfare Centre estabdoctors also demand fees from lished in sixties under the the patients even during duty then government patronisation hours.

> Rural hats and bazars of Satkhira district are facing numerous problems.

A section of 'ejaradrs' are exploiting rural people by collecting heavy taxes on various commodities.

Collection of taxes at exorbitant rates by unscrupulous ejaradars in most hats and bazars has become a regular feature since long. The 'ejaradars' collect tolls from both buyers and sellers, according to their own wish causing immense sufferings to the innocent people. Scarcity of pure drinking water is another main problem.

In a survey it is found that there are no arrangements for supply of pure drinking water even in big hats like Jhowdouga, Purulia, Patkelghata, Agradari, Ishwaripur, Bardal, Ramkrishnapur and Nakipur.

Notes from C'nawabgan†

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, June 21: About 400 cases are lying pending in the courts of Nachoul upazila due to shortage of judges and magistrates for the last two years.

It is learnt from a reliable source that 250 cases in the court of the Assistant Judge and 120 cases are lying pendfamily discord over dowry brought the tragic end of a ing in the court of the Magishousewife at Bankira village in trate. As a result, the litigants Sadar upazila, police said here have become hopeless and many accused are left without The victim, Tanu Rani Pal convictions.

On the otherhand the post (21) was beaten to death recently by her husband Ananda of the Assistant Commissioner Kumar Pal after she failed to bring dowry from her father. Ananda even used to torture

Tanu for it, her relatives said. The body was sent to Sadar hospital for autopsy, and a case was lodged in this connection.

on Tuesday, reports UNB.

has been lying vacant since last four years in the same upazila creating disruptions in the administrative works.

Firewood Rampant use of firewood in

klins is quickening desertification and ecological imbalance in the district. About 200 brick field own-

ers in the district have been using valuable trees in their klins defying government ban. This practice is being carried on since years together but no step has been taken against the brick manufacturers to implement the government

According to a survey report, about 60 lakh maunds of firewood are used in the brickfields to burn 20 crores of bricks every year due to irregular coal supply and price hike of the item. On the otherhand to keep continued their business and to earn profitable returns the owners use firewood.

To burn bricks hundreds of mango trees in the district are being chopped off every day resulting in permanent scarcity of firewood and mangoes. Even roadside trees are being chopped off everyday and are being sold at nominal prices.

Two jailed

The District and Sessions Judge Azizur Rahman in a recent judgement awarded Parul and Firoz 10 years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of taka ten thousand each in default to suffer another one year

tion case when the cashier Mainul Islam and the guard Rafiqul Islam with eight lakh taka of Agrani Bank Binodpur branch under Shibganj upazila were going on a honda to deposit the same in Shibgani branch suddenly the two convicts attacked them and snatched the bag of money at Ekborpur by exploding bombs The incident occurred on De-

Mismanagement in all key sectors cause of losses: Saifur industries", the Minister said cluding function of the weekneed for health education side MOULVIBAZAR, June 21:

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman addressing a public meeting at Sreemangol on Wednesday last.

Minister for Finance and Planning M. Saifur Rahman yesterday said that the sense of responsibility and accountability should be established in all key sectors to change the lot of common man through implementing various welfare programmes of the

government, reports BSS. He said different key sectors like railway, electricity and jute were incurring loss of crores of Taka every year because of mismanagement and The decision to construct at lack of responsibility. Besides, he said, corruption had been rooted deep everywhere to

cripple the national economy. The Minister was addressing as the chief guest the con-

long expanded programme of immunization here. BNP's Joint Secretary General and Relief Coordinator of Maulvi Bazar and Habigani districts Abdul Matin Choudhury MP. local Pourashava Chairman Mohsin Ali and Deputy Commissioner Arff Hossain also

spoke on the occasion. Saifur Rahman said the government had taken necessary initiatives as part of its determination to save the nation from this situation.

Speaking about the health, education, the Finance Minister said it could play a vital role in the economic development of the country. Satfur Rahman stressed the

by side general education to make the nation awake against various diseases. In this respect, he said the immunisation drive should also be continued in the greater interest of the country. He called upon all to stand

against the diseases through developing the human resources by equipping the nation with basic ideas to live

The Minister said the present government was pledgebound to establish a government accountable to the people. The government puts due emphasis and priority on education, health, village based development, agriculture and

adding that specific provisions were kept in the new budget for these purposes.

Earlier, the Minister visited the Manu barrage and the flood affected areas here and distributed relief materials among the affected people. He also visited the local Mahila College and the old and new collectorate buildings.

A message from Habiganj adds: Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman today said the government will implement its plan to recover damage due to flood and cyclone on priority basis.

The emergency

gramme, undertaken by the government has already been able to recover cyclone and flood related damage considerably, he said while addressing district level officials of Habiganj district here.

The Minister said the government programme had been appreciated at home and abroad.

Relief Coordinator for Habi gani and Maulvi Bazar and Joint Secretary General of BNP Abdul Matin Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

Saifur Rahman said post-

cyclone and flood rehabilita-

tion works were going on in full swing and the people had returned to their normal life in the flood affected areas. Later, the Minister visited

the flood affected areas and addressed a BNP workers meeting here.

imprisonment for robbery. According to the prosecu-

cember 6, 1988.